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THE DESERT'S CRUCIBLE

Photoplay in five reels

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SYNOPSIS:

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Jack Hardy, Jr., known as "Silver Spoon Jack", spends money just as fast as his father John Hardy, Sr. can gather it. He travels with a pretty sporty set and is engaged to their leader, Eleanor Tiernan, cold and resourceful.

Jack receives a great blow when his father tells him they are bankrupt - the only thing left being a ranch in Montana. He also explains to Jack that he has a half brother named Deerfoot living on this ranch, the mother of whom was a full blooded Sioux.

The news is taken good naturedly by Jack, and he tells his father he will start for the ranch right away and begin life all over again.

Arriving at the ranch, Jack meets the superintendent - who to his great surprise is a very charming young lady named Miss Benson. He immediately falls in love with her but finds that Deerfoot (his half-brother) loves her too.

In the town Deerfoot has many enemies - the most prominent being Tex Fuller, who together with his gang, come up to Hardy Ranch with the purpose of getting rid of Deerfoot.

Tex leaves his gang outside and goes into Miss Benson's office, makes her a proposition that she marry him, he in turn will get rid of Deerfoot, and they will claim the ranch.

Miss Benson makes it very clear to Tex that she is not interested in his plan, and when he becomes insistent, Deerfoot who has been sitting unnoticed behind a desk, comes forth and throws Tex out the door to the gang outside. An all around fight follows in which Jack helps Deerfoot drive the mob away.

Deerfoot is very much in love with Miss Benson, but realizes she cares more for Jack than she does for him, and unselfishly decides to do all he can to help Jack.

That evening Deerfoot ascertains that Tex and his gang have returned and surrounded Jack's cabin intending to kill him. Just as Jack is at his wit's end trying to figure out how to handle the mob, Deerfoot arrives in Jack's cabin through an underground passage and out of love for Miss Benson, he decides to sacrifice his life in order to save Jack. Disguising himself as Jack, he goes out and faces the mob. Immediately he is wounded and Jack, realizing what has happened, follows Deerfoot out, and with the assistance of his faithful old valet, succeeds in beating off the mob once again.

While this is going on, Miss Benson drives up to the cabin in a buckboard with John Hardy, Sr. with her. He is delightfully surprised at the change the West has made in his son Jack. And while they are conversing, Tex sneaks up to the buckboard in which Miss Benson is seated, hits the horse causing a runaway, but Jack quickly mounts his horse and rescues Miss Benson.

As a big surprise, John Hardy, Sr. tells Jack it was all a bluff about being bankrupt, that everything he has is Jack's for the asking. Jack replies the only thing he wants is Miss Benson, so John Hardy Sr. tells

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him Eleanor Tiernan eloped with Archie Halcomb - which leaves Jack free to marry Miss Benson, if she will have him, but somehow, Jack feels sure she will.

THE END

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